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ENGLISH LAW

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A. DICTIONARIES

Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law, 2nd edition
(Reference - KD313.J6 1977)

Stroud's Judicial Dictionary of Words and Phrases, 7th edition
(Reference - KD313.G77 2006)

Provides the meaning of words as defined in English cases and statutes.

Words and Phrases Legally Defined, 3rd edition
(KD313.W6 1988)

Collection of judicial definitions along with selected statutory definitions and extracts from Halsbury's Laws and selected treatises.

B. ABBREVIATION AND CITATION GUIDES

Oxford Standard Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA)

<http://denning.law.ox.ac.uk/published/oscola.shtml>

Produced by the Oxford Law Faculty in consultation with leading academic law publishers, this guide is designed to facilitate accurate citation of authorities, legislation, and other legal materials and is the closest thing that the U.K. has to the Blue Book.

[Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations](http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/)

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Abbreviations for English language legal publications from the British Isles, the Commonwealth, and the United States, with some foreign language law publications included as well. Can be searched either from abbreviation to title, or from title to abbreviation.

Index to Legal Citations and Abbreviations by Donald Raistrick
(Reference - K85.R33 2008)

C. ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Halsbury's Laws of England
(KD310.H34 1973)

Major general legal encyclopedia, arranged alphabetically by subject, with each subject containing a discussion of the law with footnote references to relevant statutes and cases. A consolidated subject index and consolidated tables of cases is included. There is also a separate index to each topic at the back of each volume. Kept up-to-date by monthly updates and annual cumulative supplements.

D. LEGAL PERIODICALS

Articles from British legal periodicals can be located using the following indexes:

Legal Journals Index

(KD59.L43 - 1986 to 1999) (also on [Westlaw](#), 1986 to the present)

Major British periodical index that covers over 430 legal journals published in the United Kingdom and Europe.

[Index to Legal Periodicals](http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/3380)

<http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/3380>

(Reference - K33.I56 - 1908 to 2004) (online 1918 to the present)

American periodical index that also includes articles from legal periodicals published in Great Britain.

[Legaltrac \(Legal Resource Index\)](http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/3381)

<http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/3381>

(online 1980 to the present)

American periodical index that also includes articles from journals, newspapers, and other legal periodicals published in Great Britain.

E. TREATISES

Most of the library's English law treatises are classified under KD and are located on the 4th floor. For specific titles on specific subjects, check the online catalog or ask a reference librarian for assistance. The library also subscribes to a number of research databases which contain digitized collections of English law treatises. These databases include the following:

[The Making of Modern Law](#)

<http://www.law.uconn.edu/library/database/making-modern-law-0>

Digitized collection of British legal treatises from 1800 to 1926, including scholarly works, casebooks, practice manuals, form books, pamphlets, letters, and speeches. Searchable by author, title, subject, and keyword, including full text searching.

[Early English Books Online \(EBO\)](#)

<http://www.law.uconn.edu/library/database/early-english-books-online-eebo>

Digitized collection of English language books and pamphlets published between 1475 and 1700. Searchable by author, title, subject, date, printer, and illustration type.

[Eighteenth Century Collections Online](#)

<http://www.law.uconn.edu/library/database/eighteenth-century-collections-online>

Digitized collection of English and foreign language books and pamphlets published in the United Kingdom between 1701 and 1800. Searchable by author, title, subject, and keyword, including full text searching.

F. PRIMARY MATERIALS

a. LEGISLATION

Each act of Parliament is usually referred to by its original title and date of enactment, i.e. the Human Reproductive Cloning Act of 2001. Prior to 1963, acts were referred to by regnal year, or year of the monarch's reign, i.e. 3 Edw. 7, c. 36 would denote the 36th act passed in the 3rd year of the reign of Edward VII. A table of regnal years of English sovereigns can be found in Sweet and Maxwell's Guide to Law Reports and Statutes, 4th edition (Reference Desk - KD54.S93 1962).

Current Legislation

Halsbury's Statutes

(KD135.H3 G74 1985)

This set provides the full amended text of all legislation currently in force, arranged alphabetically by subject, along with annotations to case law, statutory instruments (regulations), secondary sources, and cross-references to other sections. Includes alphabetical and chronological lists of all statutes contained in the set. The "Current Statutes Service" binders contain legislation post-dating the bound volumes. The "Annual Cumulative Supplement" updates the bound volumes as well as the binders, and the "Noter-Up Service" volumes update the "Annual Cumulative Supplement." The Halsbury's Statutes Citator contains an alphabetical list of over 7,000 statutes from 1236 to the present and indicates whether each statute is still in force and, if relevant, the details of a statute's repeal or amendment.

[U.K. Statute Law Database](#)

<http://www.statutelaw.gov.uk/>

Provides the full text of all legislation currently in force, as amended. Full text searchable; alphabetical and chronological indexes are also included.

Public General Acts (Spine Title: The Law Reports-Statutes)

(KD130 1866)

Compilation of laws as passed, from 1866 to the present.

Office of Public Sector Information

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm>

Contains the full text of all acts as passed, from 1988 to the present.

British and Irish Legal Information Institute

<http://www.bailii.org/>

Contains the full text of all acts as passed, from 1988 to the present.

Lawtel

<http://www.law.uconn.edu/library/database/lawtel>

Contains the original text of all public general acts passed since 1984; each act also includes a statutory status table which shows all repeals and/or amendments made to the act.

Lexis

The “Statutes of England and Wales” file contains the full amended text of all public general acts currently in force.

Westlaw

The “United Kingdom Statutes” database contains the full amended text of all public general acts currently in force.

Older Legislation

Laws of the Kings of England from Edmund to Henry I

(KD554.G7 1925)

Contains laws enacted prior to 1225.

Statutes of the Realm

(KD130 1235 1993)

This 11-volume set is the most authoritative source for laws covering the years 1235 to 1713. It includes alphabetical and chronological indexes for each volume and for the complete set.

Acts and Ordinances of the Interregnum: 1642-1660

(KD130.1642)

This set contains the laws passed during the rule of Oliver Cromwell, or the period “between monarchs.” It includes a chronological tables and a variety of indexes.

Statutes at Large (Pickering’s Statutes)

(KD130 1225)

Laws enacted from 1225 to 1806

Statutes of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (Pickering’s Statutes)

(KD130 1807)

Laws enacted from 1807 to 1869

b. REGULATIONS (STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS)

Office of Public Sector Information

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/stat.htm>

Full text of all statutory instruments, as passed, from 1987 to the present. Full text searchable and browseable.

British and Irish Legal Information Institute

http://www.bailii.org/uk/legis/num_reg/

Full text of all statutory instruments, as passed, from 2002 to the present. Full text searchable and browseable.

Lawtel

<http://www.law.uconn.edu/library/database/lawtel>

Contains the full text of all statutory instruments, from 1984 to the present; language that has been subsequently revoked or amended is highlighted and linked to the amending document whenever possible.

Lexis

The “Statutory Instruments of England and Wales” file contains the full amended text of all statutory instruments currently in force.

Westlaw

The “United Kingdom Statutory Instruments” database contains the full amended text of all statutory instruments currently in force. The “United Kingdom Statutory Instruments Historic” database contains historical versions of statutory instruments, with coverage beginning in 1992.

Halsbury’s Statutory Instruments

(KD173.H3 G74) (No longer kept up-to-date)

This set provides summaries of all statutory instruments, along with selected full text, arranged alphabetically by subject and annotated with case citations. Includes an index volume and various tables.

c. CASE LAW

Modern Cases

Law Reports

Modern law reporting began in 1865, with the publication of the Law Reports, an official authoritative series of reports covering all the major courts. The Blue Book requires that cases be cited to this series if reported therein. The series has changed over the years along with the court structure; for a list of the different series and the years covered, check Sweet and Maxwell’s Guide to Law Reports and Statutes, 4th ed. (Reference Desk - KD54.S93 1962). The series currently consists of four parts:

Law Reports, Appeal Cases (KD275.4 1955.A4)

Law Reports, Chancery Division (KD276.3 1977. A4)

Law Reports, Queen’s Bench (KD277.7 1955.A4)

Law Reports, Family Division (KD279.4 1972.A4)

All England Law Reports

(KD288.A64) (Library has 1936 to present)

An unofficial, commercial reporter that includes decisions from the House of Lords, the Privy Council, all divisions of the Supreme Court, and courts of special jurisdiction.

Weekly Law Reports

(KD282 1953.A4) (Library has 1953 to present)

This reporter includes decisions from the House of Lords, the Privy Council, the Supreme Court of Judicature, Assize Courts, and Ecclesiastical Courts.

British and Irish Legal Information Institute

<http://www.bailii.org/>

Selected judgments from various courts, dating from 1996 to the present; coverage varies by court.

Her Majesty's Courts Service

<http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/cms/judgments.htm>

Selected judgments from various courts. Coverage varies by court; House of Lords judgments date from 1996 to the present.

Parliament/House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ldjudgmt.htm>

Judgments from the House of Lords, the supreme court of appeal for civil and criminal cases, from 1996 to the present.

Lawtel

<http://www.law.uconn.edu/library/database/lawtel>

Case law coverage from 1980 to the present, with cases from the following reporters: All England Law Reports, Times Law Reports, and Weekly Law Reports. Cases from specialist law reports also included, with coverage varying by reporter.

Lexis

The "UK Cases, Combined Courts" file includes the Law Reports, with coverage from 1865 to the present; All England Law Reports, with coverage from 1936 to the present; and All England Law Reports Reprint, with coverage from 1558 to 1935.

Westlaw

The "United Kingdom Reports, All" database includes the Law Reports, with coverage from 1865 to the present, and the Weekly Law Reports, with coverage from 1953 to the present.

Older Cases

Placita Anglo-Normannica: Law Cases from William I to Richard I, Preserved in Historical Records
(KD576.B54 1970)

The Earliest English Law Reports

(KD530.S4)

Contain Common Bench cases from the years 1279 to 1289.

Bracton's Note Book: A Collection of Cases Decided in the King's Courts During the Reign of Henry the Third (KD190 1217)

Year Books

These publications cover the period 1272 to 1535 and record the pleadings and debates of medieval English cases. They were originally written in French, but numerous editions have been published that include English translations. The library has the following series:

- Year Book Series (Selden Society) (with English translations) (KD530.S4)
- Year Books of Richard II (Ames Foundation) (with English translations) (KD193.G6)
- Yearbooks (Sawbridge, Rawlins, and Roycroft Reprint Ed.) (French only) (KD194) (also available in [Early English Books Online](http://www.law.uconn.edu/library/database/early-english-books-online-eebo) <http://www.law.uconn.edu/library/database/early-english-books-online-eebo>)

Nominate Reports

The nominate reports were collections of law reports published privately by individuals, and each series was known by the name of its individual editor or compiler. The library owns many of these reports; check the online catalog for individual titles. Several sets have compiled and reprinted most of the cases from the nominate reports. These compilation sets include the following:

-English Reports (Full Reprint)

<http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=engrep> (Also in print at KD270 1220.G7 and online at <http://www.commonlii.org/int/cases/EngR/>)

Collects and reprints the most authoritative versions of the nominate reports, covering the years 1220 to 1867. The Hein Online version is full text keyword searchable and also allows you to search by case name, English Reports citation, and nominate report citation. You can also browse each individual volume or the index of case names, which provides the citation to the original nominate report as well as the English Reports citation.

-All England Law Reports Reprint

(KD288.A6) (also on Lexis in the "U.K. Cases, Combined Courts" file)

This set collects and reprints over 5,000 cases from the nominate reports; it covers the years 1558 to 1934. The set includes a subject index and an alphabetical table of cases.

Old Bailey Proceedings Online

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

A fully searchable digitized collection of the transcripts of every trial heard at the Old Bailey, England's central criminal court, from 1674 to 1913.

Case Finding Tools

The Digest: Annotated British, Commonwealth and European Cases

(KD296.E526)

Comprehensive digest of cases from the 13th century to the present, with annotated case summaries arranged by subject. To find cases on a particular topic, start with the consolidated index at the end of the set. To locate a case when you only have its name, use the Table of Cases.

Halsbury's Laws of England

(KD310.H34 1973)

Major general legal encyclopedia, arranged alphabetically by subject, with each subject containing a discussion of the law with footnote references to relevant statutes and cases. A consolidated subject index and consolidated tables of cases is included. There is also a separate index to each topic at the back of each volume. Kept up-to-date by monthly updates and annual cumulative supplements.

Twenty Years' Digest, 1931 to 1950 (KD284.D4 1952)

Consolidated Index to Leading Law Reports (KD285.L39) (1951 to the present)

Index to cases appearing in the Law Reports, the Weekly Law Reports, All England Law Reports, and numerous other reporters. Cases indexed by subject, by statute, and by case name.

Current Law Case Citator

(KD296.C844) (Library has 1947-1991)

This set lists cases alphabetically and provides the case citation, case history, cases that have judicially considered the original case, and citations to case commentaries in legal periodicals. Useful for finding a case when you only have the case name and not the citation.